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Admiral Stansfield Turner, USN  
Director of Central Intelligence

Dear Admiral Turner:

Upon ratification the Peaceful Nuclear Explosions Treaty (PNE) may require the U.S. to field an extensive onsite observation program within the Soviet Union. ERDA has delegated responsibility for organizing, training, and deploying observation teams to the Manager, Nevada Operations Office, Las Vegas, Nevada. This effort is well underway in that the initial team training is complete and interim hardware has been built. One area which still needs additional effort is physical security of the observer team equipment.

To satisfy this requirement a Physical/Technical Security Committee has been formed by the Nevada office to develop security support for the subject program. They will be designing state-of-the-art security features to be employed on the verification equipment used to insure compliance with the PNE Treaty. In particular, the Committee will be responsible for developing a security system which would provide a high probability of detection should any attempt be made to penetrate the equipment surreptitiously.

The Committee is in need of a consultant with experience in state-of-the-art security systems. While we have explored the possibility of utilizing an individual from private industry, we have been unable to locate anyone with the proper qualifications.

Therefore, I am requesting that you give consideration to providing an individual from your agency to serve on the Committee. We estimate that the level of effort for this Committee member would be about four man-months over an 18-month period. The travel expenses for this individual would be funded by ERDA. [redacted] of your agency is familiar with our efforts to develop the onsite observer program for the PNE Treaty and has been serving as our contact on this matter.

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Please let me know whether an individual from your agency could be made available to assist ERDA in this regard.

Sincerely,

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B. C. Evans  
Executive Secretary  
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